



MAINE STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION

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STATE OF MAINE

The State Board of Education held a regular monthly meeting on February 13, 2013, at the Cross State Office Building, Augusta, Maine. The following members were present: Chair Steven Pound; Vice Chair Nancy Perkins; Martha Harris; James Banks, Sr.; Jana Lapoint; Heidi Sampson; Peter Geiger; Ande Smith; William Beardsley; Chelsey Whynot; and Kristin Bishop.

Also present were: Commissioner Stephen Bowen; and Mary Becker, Secretary Associate, State Board of Education

CALLED TO ORDER:

Chair Steven Pound called the meeting to order at 1:09 PM.

NOTE: Martha Harris left the meeting at 1:10 PM to attend and testify at an Education and Cultural Affairs Committee public hearing. Martha returned at 1:25 PM.

VISION STATEMENT:

Read by Chair, Steven Pound: The Vision of the State Board is to prepare Maine public school graduates with the skills and knowledge needed to be college, career, citizenship and life ready.

COMMISSIONER'S REPORT:

- Commissioner Bowen reported on the Common Core/State Assessment. Dan Hupp, State Director of Assessment and Standards, is currently in New Hampshire at a New England Common Assessment Program (NECAP) meeting. The Commissioner suggested the Board have Dan do a presentation on assessments and standards in the near future. Commissioner Bowen directed Board members to the department's website where they can access materials.
- He also suggested a presentation from LeeAnn Larsen on the Literacy Initiative.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

MOVED by James Banks, Sr., seconded by Peter Geiger, and unanimously voted by those present to approve the January 9, 2013 minutes as written.

NOTE: Kristin Bishop left the meeting at 1:30 PM.

NEW BUSINESS:

REQUEST APPROVAL OF THE QUARTERLY REPORT OF THE MAINE CARL D. PERKINS GRANT AS AUTHORIZED UNDER THE CARL D. PERKINS CAREER AND TECHNICAL EDUCATION ACT OF 2006 (P.L. 109-270)

As a condition for the receipt of Federal funds to support vocational and technical education, §122 of the recently reauthorized Carl D. Perkins Career and Technical Education Act of 2006 (P.L. 109-270) requires a designated “eligible agency” in each State—in Maine’s case, the State Board of Education—to submit a State Plan for Career and Technical Education. This plan was approved by the State Board on March 12, 2008. Further requirements are as follows:

“SEC. 121. STATE ADMINISTRATION.

“(a) ELIGIBLE AGENCY RESPONSIBILITIES.—The responsibilities of an eligible agency under this title shall include—

“(3) convening and meeting as an eligible agency (consistent with State law and procedure for the conduct of such meetings) at such time as the eligible agency determines necessary to carry out the eligible agency’s responsibilities under this title, but not less than 4 times annually;

The State Board Chair requested, in accordance with Title 20-A, Section 405, 7, that the Board receives a quarterly financial report from the Career and Technical Education (CTE) team and the Department of Financial and Administrative Services (DAFS). We would like to submit this report as the second report for FY2013.

RECOMMENDATION: The State Board approve the Quarterly report for the period of June 30, 2012 through December 31, 2012 of the State of Maine Five-Year Plan for Career and Technical Education under the Carl D. Perkins Career and Technical Education Act of 200 (P.L.109-270).

MOVED by James Banks, Sr., seconded by Martha Harris and unanimously voted by those present to approve the Quarterly report for the period of June 30, 2012 through December 31, 2012 of the State of Maine Five-Year Plan for Career and Technical Education under the Carl D. Perkins Career and Technical Education Act of 200 (P.L.109-270).

MOTION by James Banks, Sr., seconded by Peter Geiger to send a letter signed by the State Board of Education chair to the federal legislative delegation supporting the continuation of the Carl D. Perkins grant.

Following brief discussion, James Banks, Sr. withdrew his motion.

OFFICER’S REPORTS:

Chair, Steven Pound:

- He and Nancy Perkins met for lunch with Senator Millett and Representative MacDonald for lunch on January 30. They discussed LD 1422 and LD 1858. About 50% of the Education and Cultural Affairs Committee members are new so they are in the process of learning a great deal.
- Also on January 30, Dr. Phil McCarthy invited Nancy and him to do a briefing presentation for the Education and Cultural Affairs Committee in regards to the State Board’s role and responsibilities. The presentation included the Board’s

strategic plan, goals, committee assignments, and what jurisdiction the Board has as far as legislative responsibilities.

- This past week he was asked to talk to the Education and Cultural Affairs Committee regarding the Government Evaluation Act, A Summary of Legislative Issues. The Government Evaluation Act provides for periodic legislative review of the efficacy and performance of state government agencies. The Act applies to all agencies and governmental entities that receive General Fund money or that are established by statute. This evaluation report is completed every eight years by the State Board and the Department of Education (DOE). The DOE is asking for a two year extension and Steve is requesting that the DOE and the State Board be on the same cycle for this report.
- He attended a Legislative Leadership Committee meeting.
- He attended a Career and Technical Education Committee meeting.
- He participated at a New England Secondary School Consortium meeting.
- He attended a Select Committee for Workforce Development meeting.
- Jim Banks term has come to an end and the Governor has nominated Nichi Farnham from Bangor. Nichi will be going before the Education Committee in March for confirmation and then before the Senate.
- Harry Osgood will be joining the Board for lunch on Wednesday, March 13, the next regular monthly Board meeting.
- He would like to move the April 10 meeting from Wednesday, April 10 to Tuesday, April 9. The First Lady has requested that he and the Commissioner participate in an event on April 9.

Vice Chair, Nancy Perkins:

Report of Meetings:

➤ ***Certification and Higher Education Committee Report:***

The Certification and Higher Education Committee meeting was held on January 31, 2013. The following members were present: Nancy Perkins; Jana Lapoint; Heidi Sampson; Mark Cyr; Deb Friedman; Mary Becker; and guest Doug Spaulding; Shirley Spaulding; and Andrew McAuliffe, representing the Maine School Management Association. The majority of the meeting time focused on the status of the mentoring programs in the State as required by Chapter 118. Chapter 118 provides for the support system that each district is required to have for new educators. Doug and Shirley Spaulding who have been doing the training of both the mentors and the on-site mentor trainers did an excellent presentation. The program is still functioning as intended; however, materials need to be updated as these materials were created in 2003. For instance, information regarding best practices or language addressing student centered learning is not in these materials. The web resources are also out of date and need to be addressed. The next meeting of the Committee will take an in depth look at Chapter 118 to aid in consideration of next steps. The meeting adjourned at 3:35 PM.

➤ ***Maine Educator Effectiveness Council:***

Date of Meeting: January 11, 2013

Purpose of Meeting: Fulfilling legislative charge of PL 635 which will recommend standards for implementing a system of evaluation and support of teachers and principals.

The discussion focused on summative ratings for educators. The four level rating scale must have a clear and distinct definition for the annual reviews. The tentatively agreed upon language was Level 1) rarely demonstrates effectiveness, Level 2) sometimes demonstrates effectiveness with some areas of concern, Level 3) consistently demonstrates effectiveness with no areas of concern, and Level 4) consistently demonstrates effectiveness.

➤ ***New England Secondary School Consortium (NESSC):***

She attended the NESSC meeting on January 18th. This was a Tandberg meeting with representatives from Maine, New Hampshire, Vermont, Rhode Island and Connecticut. The focus of the discussion was how to involve the business community in public education. Using the career/college readiness as the basis of the discussion, the group looked at the communication of business needs and the business communities' awareness of proficiency based education. Representatives of Maine focused on what is available in Maine and how EDUCATE MAINE can play a role in this.

Education Related Activities:

- She has attended several meeting with the Education and Cultural Affairs Committee of the Legislature. At the first meeting on January 30th, she and Steve did a brief overview of the State Board. At the second meeting on February 4th, the meeting concerned: 1. the future direction of the Alternative Pathways Stakeholders' group and 2. the section of PL635 that dealt with proficiency in math and evidence based reading. The Education and Cultural Affairs Committee endorsed the CTE pathway created by the Stakeholders' group and will send any inquiries for further exploration of new pathways to the group. Mark Cyr and Nigel Norton assisted with the presentation. She and Mark explained the pathways currently in place. Nigel answered questions about the issues of CTE instructors in applying for certification. They will begin the APA process. The second presentation was on the charge to the State Board on proficiency in math and evidence based reading. The Education and Cultural Affairs Committee requested a report highlighting the research done for the PL635 section. There will be no further action due to the evidence that through the teacher preparation programs and the ETS that the request is being addressed.
- She has attended several meetings relating to the Chapter 114 Handbook. Harry Osgood had done a draft of the Chapter 114 Handbook for the teacher preparation programs before he retired. The Handbook is in the process of being reviewed.
- She has attended several meetings on the Common Core; one of which was in Washington, DC. This meeting occurred the day before the Learner Study group met in which she is a participant which was quite fortuitous. The Common Core meeting gave an overview of both PARCC and Smarter Balanced; most NASBE participants belong to one or the other. The discussion centered around how State Boards can be proactive in this process. The Learner and Learning 2013 and Beyond NASBE study group is an extension

of the Technology study group that she participated in last year. The group listened to multiple presentations on rapid changes in our culture and the effects of these changes on the learner. As soon as she receives it, she will be forwarding to you the presentation by Nicole Smith, who is a Research Professor and Senior Economist at Georgetown. She had an incredible amount of knowledge directly relating education to the workforce. An example of her discussion Occupational transferability. The “T” student has broad knowledge across several disciplines and deep knowledge in one. This allows movement within the job market.

- She attended the Education and Cultural Affairs Committee hearing on MEPRI which is the data collection and analysis arm of that committee. The State Board does have a position on the MEPRI committee.

BOARD MEMBER REPORTS:

Martha Harris:

➤ *Construction Committee:*

The Construction Committee did not meet in February 2013.

Education Related Activities:

- She attended a Legislative Leadership Committee meeting on February 4.
- She testified today in support of LD 91 at the public hearing before the Education and Cultural Affairs Committee.
- She continues to work with her local school board. They have a committee that is working on effective teachers and school leadership and they have presented to her local school board. They are moving ahead very quickly on customized learning and she is on the steering committee for this.
- She will be traveling to California for the Next Generation Science Conference.

James Banks, Sr.:

- He attended the Career and Technical Education Committee meeting on February 5. Jim suggested that when Board members receive the Carl D. Perkins five year plan that has turned into a six and now seven year plan in the packet of materials for the March Board meeting, it should be reviewed carefully.
- LD 244 “An Act to Amend the Student Membership Criteria of the State Board of Education” will come before the Education and Cultural Affairs Committee next week. This bill changes the criteria for the student members of the State Board of Education. Current law requires a student to reside in the congressional district that the student represents at the time of appointment. This bill requires the student to attend school in the congressional district the student represents at the time of appointment. Nancy Perkins has agreed to fill in for Jim if he is not available to present testimony.
- He attended several Charter School Commission meetings. One for Harpswell and one for Fiddlehead. He also was on a team that went to the Cornville Charter School review. Cornville is doing very well.

Chelsey Whynot:

- Her school is implementing a buzzer system.
- Her school is talking about eliminating AP classes next year. Currently a junior or senior student can take up to 5 AP classes. A lot of kids do not take AP's. The school is trying to eliminate competition. They are no longer putting the honor roll in the newspaper.
- She is on the GSTA (Gays, Straight Transgender Alliance). They are having a week where people will not be bullying people and will be accepting people for who they are.
- All Seniors have a Senior Transition Project (STP) – It is a Volunteer Internship or job shadow for the last two weeks of their senior year. All seniors need to submit their outline by this Friday.

Kristin Bishop:

- Over the past month she has been appointed to the town of Madison's Recycling Committee as a Student Representative.
- She has recently started attending ABCD (Asset Based Community Development) meetings in her town and has been able to gain valuable education demographics from the experience. She deeply enjoyed being submerged into discussions about education in her community.
- She is working to host a Community Leadership Day at her local middle school to encourage youth to engage in the many leadership roles her community offers. Their objective is to help youth find their passion in leadership and use their passion to make positive change. The day is to be held at the end of March, so she is relishing the excitement arising in her community towards the preparation of this event.
- She has been asked to be a keynote speaker for an event Somerset Career and Technical Center is hosting to encourage young women to enter S.T.E.M. careers. They hope she will be able to speak about leadership and her role on the Maine State Board of Education.

Ande Smith:

- The Digital Learning Advisory Group did not meet this month.

William Beardsley:

- He attended the Career and Technical Education (CTE) Committee meeting on February 5. He is still on the learning curve for CTE and all other aspects of Education.

Heidi Sampson:

- She was chair for the first time at a public hearing and public interview for a Charter School.
- She attended a site visit at MeANS (Maine Academy of Natural Sciences). It was a very inspiring visit and Heidi shared her experience with the Board.

- She attended the Certification and Higher Education Committee meeting on January 28.
- She attended a Charter School meeting and they voted to accept Fiddlehead and Harpswell to move to the contract phase.

Jana Lapoint:

- She attended the Education and Cultural Affairs Committee meeting last week for the curtailment (Charter Schools). She never got the chance to speak as they closed the meeting.
- She also went before the Appropriations Committee for Charter Schools.
- She gave an update on the work she has been doing on the Charter School Commission.

Peter Geiger:

- The Maine Teacher of the Year program has 13 or 14 nominees for the 2014 Maine Teacher of the Year. The support has always been done by the Department of Education but will now be supported by Educate Maine. Dolly Sullivan will be the individual coordinating the steps. On April 4 there will be an event at the Hall of Flags. The finalist will be honored at this event.
- The Lewiston Academy is a high school for kids that do not fit in to a traditional high school. He has spoken to the school about careers and his company is going to be having a field day on careers. The students will actually see people working and he will have his HR people speaking as well as himself.
- Lewiston has been going through a re-districting initiative that has made the news recently. They basically have 10 more classrooms at McMahon school and the discussion has been whether to have a neighborhood school or a school that reflects the diversity of the community. In Lewiston some schools have 37% of English Language Learner (ELL) students and others have none. He attended two of the meetings to hear the debate and it is interesting. It is creating a dilemma for the superintendents.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- 1) Submit travel and expense account vouchers to Mary at the end of the meeting.
- 2) Steve distributed a copy of the Board's budget and gave a brief description on where the budget is at this time.
- 3) Strategic Plan – Nancy handed out the most recent draft of the strategic plan and gave a brief overview of the changes made to date. Mary will email all Board members a copy of the suggestions of edits from Brad Hull at the National Association of State Boards of Education (NASBE).
- 4) The April 10 Board meeting will be moved to April 9.
- 5) There are staff changes taking place at NASBE. Jim Kohlmoos, the executive director is leaving along with Tony Shivers and Elizabeth Ross.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

NOTE: William Beardsley left the Board meeting at 2:49 PM.

ADJOURNMENT:

MOVED by James Banks, Sr., seconded by Nancy Perkins, and unanimously voted by those present to adjourn the February 13, 2013 State Board of Education meeting at 2:53 PM.